

MUSIC in the PLAZA CONCERT SERIES

6:00 – 8:00PM
Food Vendors
Available



July 7th
Amber Hansen



July 21st
Nate Hines



September 15th
Dodge Street Duo

HIAWATHA INSIGHTS

HIAWATHA FIRE-RESCUE

City staff, steering committee members, and firefighters will be at several community events this summer to educate Hiawatha residents about the Fire Station I remodel and the construction of Fire Station II and the Safety Training Center.

SAFETY FIRST 24/7

FIRE STATION II, STATION I REMODEL & SAFETY TRAINING CENTER

An even safer community; bringing help within 4 minutes to 92% of the community

Increase the safety and wellness of Hiawatha First Responders

No tax increase; Funded with Local Option Sales and Service Tax

FARMERS MARKETS

JULY 17
10 AM-1 PM

AUG 7
10 AM-1 PM

SEPT 4
10 AM-1 PM

Fall Festival
OCT 30
10 AM-1 PM

FIRE DEPT OPEN HOUSES

JULY 9
9-11 AM

AUG 15
7-8:30 PM

SEPT 12
7-8:30 PM

Fire Prevention
OCT 9
2-5 PM

PLAZA AND PARK EVENTS

Touch a Truck
AUG 5
4-6 PM

Music in the Park
AUG 5
6-8 PM

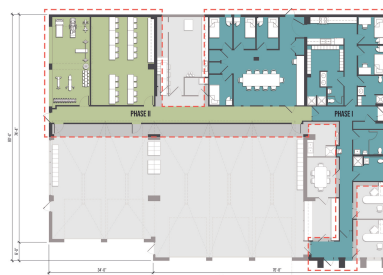
Music in the Park
AUG 26
6-8 PM

Music in the Plaza
SEPT 15
6-8 PM

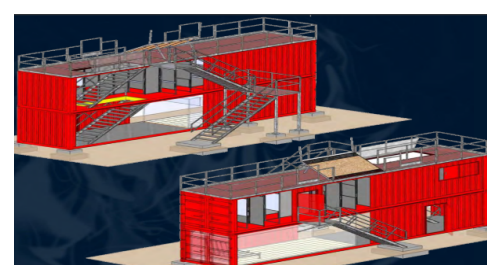
HIAWATHA FIRE STATION II



HIAWATHA FIRE STATION I REMODEL



SAFETY TRAINING CENTER



Tower Terrace Road Construction – Construction along Tower Terrace Road from Edgewood Road to North Center Point Road is moving along quickly. The on and off ramps northbound are rocked and ready for paving which should occur in the month of June. The old bridge was removed in the first two weeks of June. The intersection of N. Center Point Road and Tower Terrace Road is now officially closed with pavement being removed. Much of the grading for the new roadway west of this intersection has been completed with new storm sewer being installed. The contractor hopes to have new rock and some paving completed by the end of June. There are some new utilities required in the intersection before we will finally be able to start seeing any paving completed possibly during the month of July. The North Center Point Road intersection will likely be closed until mid to late October. On the west side of the interstate, the contractor will likely close Edgewood and Miller Road intersections in early July. Press releases will be issued ahead of the closure. Please keep an eye out for updates on the city website www.Hiawatha-ia.com

Fitzroy Road Extension – This project expects to extend Fitzroy Road pavement from Forrest Meadow Lane east to the Turtle Creek Park entrance as well as new pavement up to the water tank north of the park. A road closure will be required during the base and pavement operations which may take up to three weeks. As a result, the majority of the work on this roadway will occur after Labor Day weekend to allow for access to the new playground and splashpad.



10th Avenue and Eisenhower Boulevard Improvements – This project entails a full reconstruction of Eisenhower Boulevard from Emmons Street west 200 feet in front of Fire Station I and an asphalt mill & overlay on 10th Avenue from Blairsferry Road north to Emmons Street. This project will include concrete patching, storm sewer upgrades and ADA ramp upgrades. After receiving only one bid that far exceeded the budget, this project is currently being rebid with some new parameters to hopefully reduce the overall costs and receive more bids. This project will now bid on June 28 with council to approve July 6, assuming we can stay under budget. Contractors are very busy and we are hopeful work can begin in late July. We expect to have a few road closures during the milling and asphalt operations along 10th Avenue, as well as a closure on Eisenhower. It is expected that all construction will be completed by the end of November. Residents should expect to see some short detours throughout construction.

MAYOR APPOINTS A VACANT BUILDING ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

The City of Hiawatha is exploring the adoption of a "Vacant Building Ordinance" to address the issue of dilapidated buildings as the City ages. The purpose is to develop a process to facilitate the removal or repair of existing abandoned buildings maintaining a safe and beautiful community.

The proposed Vacant Building ordinance must be enforceable with benefits and attributes not existing in the current ordinances. Initiating a program to eliminate these structures through repair or demolition entails the development and passage of an ordinance in line with the Comprehensive Plan. To provide benefit beyond the existing processes the program should include:

- Purpose statement and defined scope.
- Specific standards for vacant and abandoned building exterior appearances.
- Specific standards for vacant and abandoned buildings for interior safety and sanitation.
- Specific demolition requirements for non-compliance within a specified time frame.
- Registration fees to recover administrative and inspection costs.
- Penalty fees to act as a deterrent to maintaining non-compliant vacant buildings.

A committee consisting of property managers, developers, rental agencies, property owners, realtors, and bankers has been appointed by the Mayor and City Council to study this issue and to make a recommendation regarding the adoption of an ordinance. A draft ordinance has been developed which is a combination of ordinances from Dubuque IA and Brooklyn Center MN. It is more comprehensive than the Cedar Rapids model and addresses the aesthetics associated with abandoned buildings along with a direct reference to demolition orders. The recommended fee is based on the Dubuque model for covering inspection costs.

Implementation of a vacant building ordinance will put the city in a pro-active position rather than a re-active position. This program will provide a policy and plan for reducing the blight caused by abandoned properties and provide a framework for immediately addressing severely damaged property due to a natural disaster such as a derecho. The timely elimination of the abandoned and neglected property will prevent the City from having to address the buildings as nuisances which can be costly in human resources, financial resources and extended time frames to achieve corrections.

The committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday July 27th to review the available research materials and draft documents. The meeting date, time and location is posted on the City web site and materials are available to the public at this link <https://www.towncloud.io/go/hiawatha-ia-cd/agendas/264>. The public is welcome to review the material and to attend the meeting which is to be held at Hiawatha City Hall in the multi-purpose room in the lower level. Feel free to contact the Community Development Director Patrick Parsley with your comments or questions regarding the draft ordinance at pparsley@hiawatha-ia.com or (319) 292-1515 ex. 229.

When the committee has completed their work; the ordinance recommendation will be considered by Council through the ordinance public hearing process. Notice of the public hearing will be published in advance of Council action as specified in State Statutes.



BRAND NEW Hiawatha Apartments Coming-255 Robins Road!

Hiawatha's newest addition to apartments will be available in Fall of 2022! These studio, one and two bedroom apartments will be the place to live in Hiawatha! Located just off of Robins Rd, you'll be conveniently located near Blairs Ferry shopping, restaurants, and grocery options. All units are single level and feature higher end finishes. The kitchen features new stainless appliances, upscale cabinets, and granite countertops. All units include central air and in-unit washer/dryer. The 4 level building boasts an underground garage parking option and elevator access to each level. Commercial space on the first floor is slated to be a fitness center, so tenants will have access to that for a monthly fee. Great access to the bike trails, city parks, plaza and dog park. Property is professionally managed by Nest Property Management, with 24/7 emergency maintenance available.

Hiawatha! MAKING A DIFFERENCE

2021 BY THE NUMBERS

137 NEW TREES PLANTED - PARKS AND RIGHTS OF WAY	2,275 FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR SERVICE	87.25 ACRES OF LAND IN CITY PARKS	2,859 HOURS OF PATRON USE ON LIBRARY COMPUTERS
1,127 POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAINING HOURS	10,166 LIBRARY YOUTH PROGRAM ATTENDEES	526 TONS OF SALT & SAND ON WINTER ROADS	40 MILES OF WATER MAIN MAINTAINED
210 COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS	84 TONS OF REFUSE COLLECTED - AMNESTY DAY	175,000 COMMERCIAL SQUARE FOOTAGE ADDED	154 ACCIDENTS INVESTIGATED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
\$26,590 COLLECTED IN RENTAL PERMIT FEES	750,000 GALLONS OF WATER - AVERAGE DAILY DEMAND	172.5 MOWING HOURS PER WEEK	44% INCREASE IN YEARLY FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLS
3 NEW ALL-INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUNDS INSTALLED	7,625 POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR SERVICE	42 VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS	295 RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY CITY COUNCIL
\$33,175,911 NEW CONSTRUCTION VALUATION TOTAL	140 TREES REMOVED - RIGHT OF WAY AND PARKS	519 NEW LIBRARY CARD HOLDERS	\$2.4 MILLION LOST FUNDS SPENT ON LOCAL PROJECTS

Enjoy this two-day, 55-mile, intermediate bike ride, from Hiawatha through Linn and Johnson Counties to Riverside Casino & Golf Resort for an overnight stay and back. This fun-filled charity ride supports children's programs and park updates offered by the Friends of Hiawatha Parks and Recreation Department. Fully stocked rest stops will be found along this scenic route with snacks and lunches provided by many local sponsors.

HiBRAI
August 20 - 21

2022 HiBRAI
Hiawatha's Bike Ride Around Town

\$50 thru August 5th
\$60 after August 5th
\$129.95 King or Double Room (usually \$249.95!)

Register today at www.legacy.imathlete.com/events/HIBRAI2022

AMNESTY

2022 BY THE NUMBERS

6.5 TONS OF BAGGED YARDWASTE

1.4 TONS OF TIRES

36 TONS OF STEEL DEBRIS

64 TONS OF HOUSEHOLD DEBRIS

75 APPLIANCES

10TH ANNUAL HIAWATHA POLICE K9 GOLF OUTING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7TH

4-Person Team

\$85/Golfer

Includes: Range Balls, Green Fees & Cart, Dinner, K9 Demo, Complimentary beverages, and voucher for another round of golf.

Register by Tuesday, August 2nd, 2022

HIAWATHA POLICE K-9 CANINE UNIT

30 TEAM LIMIT - SOLD OUT LAST YEAR

HUNTERS RIDGE GOLF COURSE MARION, IOWA

TOURNAMENT SPONSORS

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- OSCAR'S FAMILY RESTAURANT
- DAVE WRIGHT NISSAN SUBARU
- DARRAH'S TOWING & RECOVERY
- AMERICAN SPARKS & SAWDUST

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE HIAWATHA POLICE K9 UNIT

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:
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319.393.1212

HELLO

my name is



Lindsey

Lindsey was hired in April as the Policy Administrative Specialist. Lindsey and her husband recently relocated to the area after living in Minnesota, although she is originally from Kansas City and maintains her loyalty to Kansas City sports teams. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Human Services and a Master's of Public Administration from Kansas State University. Lindsey has professional experience working for a variety of public institutions, including a public university and nonprofit organizations. She is excited to serve the residents of Hiawatha and already loves calling Iowa home!



Cole

Cole was hired on in May as a Building Inspector I. He and his faithful canine pal, Dallas, recently moved to Iowa from Charleston, SC. Cole spent the last five years working in South Carolina as a building inspector for Berkeley County. He attended the University of Georgia and graduated in 2010 with a degree in Consumer Economics. He's lived all across the southeast, including North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia, but calls Athens, Georgia home. College football season is his favorite time of year, and he eats, sleeps, and breaths Georgia football. If you see him outside work, he'll be the guy walking around in a Georgia t-shirt. Go Dawgs!



Anna

Anna was hired in April as a Parks Technician. She's originally from Williamsburg Iowa, but moved to Cedar Rapids 2.5 years ago. She recently graduated Kirkwood this spring with a degree in Parks and Natural Resources. She was a dog handler for 3 years, yet did some seasonal work for the city the summer of 2021. Her background in parks focuses predominantly on conservation and education. The Marvel, Harry Potter, and Star Wars universes are some major obsessions outside of work as well as jeeping in a 99' Cherokee XJ.



Megan

Megan Graves, a junior at Linn Mar High School is interning with the Engineering Department. She has an interest in civil engineering and wants to learn more about the profession. While interning, she's had the opportunity to observe a number of construction projects, see how our Global Information Systems (GIS) equipment works and sit in a number of meetings regarding design and desirable end products. Megan was able work on a project using Autocad for the future improvements along Nixon Drive. She was able to ask a lot of questions and hopefully staff was able to convince her what a great field it is to work in.



Devon

Devon Borman is a Junior at Linn-Mar High School who spent a week as an intern with the Public Works Department. During his internship, he was able to experience a variety of Public Works tasks including laying sod, updating the tree inventory, marking utility locates, pouring concrete, installed street signs, helped design a storm water catch basin, observe many construction projects and inspect sewer lift stations. Devon hopes to participate in soccer in college while pursuing a career in Public Works.

Mosquito Control Program

Schendel Pest Control has been awarded the 2022 Mosquito Control contract. Mosquito spraying is done with an ultra-low volume machine from the back of a truck. Schendel will cover all accessible streets as well as city parks and recreation areas. The product being used is Sumithrin a synthetic pyrethroid. Natural pyrethrin comes from the chrysanthemum flower, making it safe for our city residents. Residents may request a section of street to not be sprayed by emailing Kari Graber, City Clerk at kgraberehiawatha-iowa.com. For additional information about the spraying materials you may contact Schendel Pest Control at spcemailmis.com. If you would like to be notified prior to mosquito spraying you may contact Schendel Pest Control at spcemailmis.com

Spray Dates at Guthridge Park:
July 3 & 4 - Band Concerts
August 5, 12, 19 & 26 - Concerts in Park



Save the Date
STATE
of the
CITY
ADDRESS

2022

September 1st
4:00 - 6:00 PM

more details to come!

fastest
GROWING COMPANIES CBJ

Congratulations to the following Hiawatha based businesses for making Corridor Business Journal's Fastest Growing Companies List:

- BLX
- Home Town Restyling



FIREWORKS AND SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

Public Safety Officials from the City of Hiawatha want to remind you that the display and use of consumer fireworks are allowed in Hiawatha on a very limited basis during the times below. This does not include the display of commercial fireworks. It is important to remember that fireworks may only be used by someone age 18 or older, on their own property, or the property of someone that has consented to use. Do not assume you have permission. Fireworks cannot be used on streets, roads, or other public right-of-ways. That also means the use of fireworks is forbidden in all city parks without a permit. It is your responsibility to know what you are doing and what you are using is legal. The fine for violating any of these laws will be not less than \$250.00. If you cause an injury, fire, or damage to property, you may be charged with additional crimes.

The display of consumer fireworks is allowed only during the following designated times:

- **July 4th - 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.**
- **December 31st - 6:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. on January 1st**



Additional safety tips:

- Attend public fireworks displays and leave the lighting to the professionals
 - Enjoy outdoor celebrations and cookouts but remember to keep a five foot "safe zone" around grills and campfires
 - Build campfires at least 15 feet away from buildings, shrubs or other materials that burn
 - Fireworks must only be used with proper adult supervision and never shoot fireworks while intoxicated or impaired. Always expect the firework to do something unexpected.
 - When lighting fireworks or having a campfire, keep a garden hose or fire extinguisher nearby in case of problems
 - Keep a bucket of water to put wire sparklers in. Sparklers account for nearly 1/4 of all fireworks injuries. Sparklers can burn at 1,200 degrees, can cause 3rd degree burns in a fraction of a second and improperly discarded sparklers can cause fires.
 - DO NOT AIM bottle rockets, roman candles and other fireworks toward people, buildings, vehicles or others property.
- Keep a distance of 20 feet from buildings and people when lighting fireworks.

**TIME TO CELEBRATE
VILLAGE CENTER PLAZA**
You are cordially invited to attend
the Ribbon Cutting Celebration
for the Village Center Plaza on
Thursday, July 7, 2022 at 5:30 PM

Hiawatha History Commission

Hiawatha has been overnight stops for RAGBRAI in 2004 and 2015. 2004 was a Hawaiian theme and 2015 was Throwback Thursday. In 2015 Guthridge Park was the main campground.

Water Commodity Rate Increase

With the recent passing of a resolution to continue the current commodity rate schedule effective July 1, 2022; the Water Department wants to provide our residential customers a few different cost scenarios based on consumption over the first 1000 gallons. These numbers do not reflect irrigation or commercial water usage. And, sewer fees are based on the water charges. Sewer cost is 107% of the water charge.

Minimum Water Rate for the first 1000 gallons for water – No changes will be affecting the minimum water bill. The minimum water bill will continue to be as follows:

- Water \$9.08
- Sewer \$9.72
- Maint. Program \$2.25
- Storm Sewer \$4.25
- Tax (6% Excise) \$.68
- Total Minimum: \$25.98

The following are examples of consumptions over 1000 gallons:

- 2000 gallons of water used:*
- Water \$15.52
 - Sewer \$16.62
 - Maint. Program \$2.25
 - Storm Sewer \$4.25
 - Tax (6% Excise) \$1.07
 - Total Minimum: \$39.71

- 6000 gallons of water used:*
- Water \$41.33
 - Sewer \$44.22
 - Maint. Program \$2.25
 - Storm Sewer \$4.25
 - Tax (6% Excise) \$2.61
 - Total Minimum: \$94.66

Based on research, an average family of 4 uses about 400 gallons per day. That adds up to 12,000 gallons per month.

- 12,000 gallons of water used:*
- Water \$80.03
 - Sewer \$85.63
 - Maint. Program \$2.25
 - Storm Sewer \$4.25
 - Tax (6% Excise) \$4.94
 - Total Minimum: \$177.10

Please contact the Water Department at 319-393-5556 if you have any questions.



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July Calendar

- 03 New Horizons Band at Farmers Market
- 04 Cedar Rapids Municipal Band Concert
- 04 City Hall Closed
- 06 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 11 History Commission Meeting 1:30 PM
- 11 Board of Adjustment Meeting 5:30 PM
- 12 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 12 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 14 Free Pound Fitness 6:00 PM
- 15 Movie under the Moon
- 19 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 20 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 25 Planning & Zoning Meeting 5:30 PM

August Calendar

- 03 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 05 Music in the Park 6:00 PM
- 07 K9 Golf Outing 11:00 AM
- 08 History Commission Meeting 1:30 PM
- 08 Board of Adjustment Meeting 5:30 PM
- 09 Parks Commission Meeting 6:00 PM
- 09 Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 11 Free Pound Fitness 6:00 PM
- 12 Music in the Park 6:00 PM
- 16 Water Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 17 City Council Meeting 5:30 PM
- 19 Music in the Park 6:00 PM
- 20-21 HiBRAI
- 22 Planning & Zoning Meeting 5:30 PM
- 26 Music in the Park 6:00 PM

Watch pre-recorded Council Meetings

Mediacom Channel 4 Thursdays 7:00 PM	ImOn Channel 4 Wednesdays 6:00 PM
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New "Wonders" Available at the Library

A \$3000 grant from the Giacoletto Foundation will further Hiawatha Public Library's mission to provide resources and programs that foster the creation of young readers. The Foundation's generosity has enabled the library to add 60 circulating Wonderbooks to their collection.

Remember stocking up on picture books with accompanying CDs for an extended car trip? As the availability of CD players wanes in both automobiles and homes, those days are disappearing. Enter the Wonderbook!

Every Wonderbook is a print book with a ready-to-play audio book inside. This combines literacy and entertainment to create a fun learning experience for kids. Unlike downloadable audio products, Internet access is not required, thus bridging the digital divide that can be a barrier for many. Additionally, it is a successful model to improve reading skills.

Wonderbook titles include perennial favorites like Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin, and contemporary classics like Little Blue Truck by Alice Schertle. To access the complete Wonderbooks list, do a Keyword search: Wonderbook, Search by: Any Field and be duly prepared for your next summer car trip.



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For more information about City of Hiawatha and its services, call [319-393-1515](tel:319-393-1515) or visit www.hiawatha-iowa.com

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Hiawatha Council Action

The Hiawatha City Council meeting minutes may be obtained online www.hiawatha-iowa.com/government/city-council-documents/ or by request to the City Clerk's Office at City Hall at 319-393-1515

Hiawatha!
Say hello to a great place to live, work and play